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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: U-2 Photographic Coverage of the Middle East

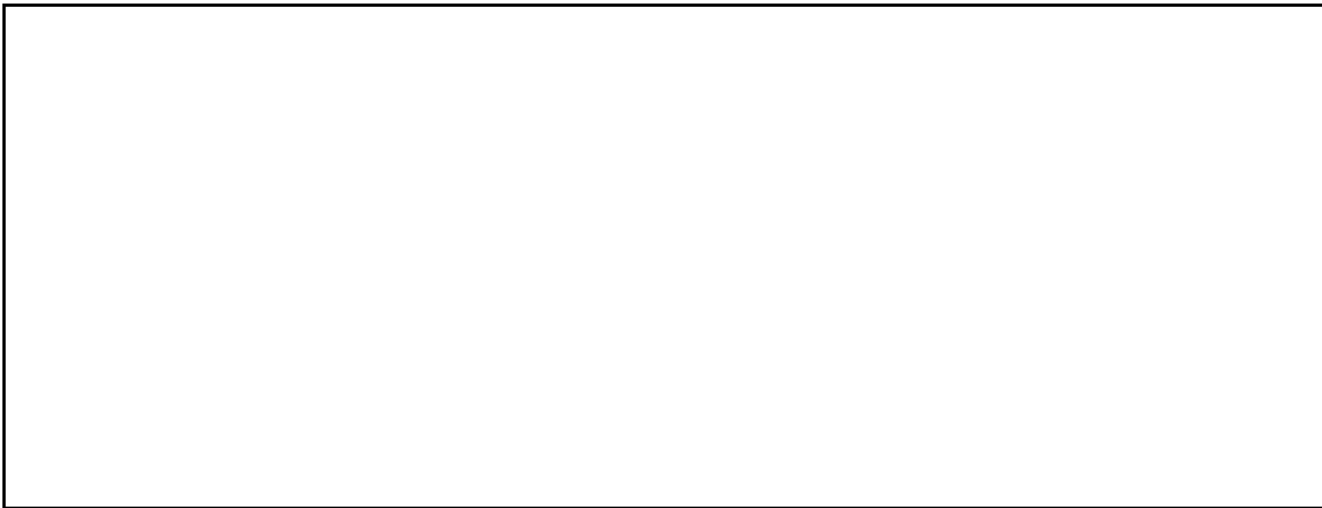
1. I wish to report that the United States Intelligence Board (USIB), in action which is responsive to the first sentence of NSAM No. 231, has agreed that arrangements should be established and maintained so that U-2 photographic coverage of the Middle East may be obtained on relatively short notice to meet changing situations, with the understanding that:

a. Negotiations to provide such a U-2 capability would be on a contingency basis, but that actual use of the U-2 will be dependent upon subsequent determination and authorization to meet a specific requirement.

b. U-2 aircraft would not be deployed to the area until a specific requirement for use had been approved.

2. The above action of USIB has been transmitted to the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) with the request that NRO take appropriate measures to implement it.

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4. The USIB Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance, based on its review of intelligence requirements in that area, maintains a current list of targets in the Middle East and is in a position, therefore, to prepare for consideration by USIB and subsequent submission to the Special Group specific justification for U-2 coverage of the Middle East, once the necessary arrangements have been made and whenever the need for such coverage is required.

SIGNEE

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